

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

None

**ABBEVILLE COUNTY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
APRIL 26, 2004
MINUTES**

PRESENT: Chairman Thomas, Vice Chairman Brown, Councilman Calhoun, Councilman Forrester, Councilman Gunnells, Councilman Walker and Councilman Norris

ABSENT: None

CALL TO ORDER:

Chairman Thomas called the meeting to order at 7:40 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Courtney Thomas led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance

INVOCATION:

Pastor Darren Hook of the Grace United Methodist Church gave the invocation.

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT:

Chairman Thomas then stated for the record that both the Press and Banner and the Index Journal were notified of the meeting and that the meeting was posted on County Buildings as required by the Freedom of Information Act.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Councilman Forrester then made a motion to approve the minutes of the April 12, 2004, regular council meeting. Councilman Norris seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0-0.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Several residents were in attendance to express their concern on a rezoning request off Olin Smith Road. Among them were Mr. and Mrs. Fred Miller, Samuel Bell, Brenda Myers, Vivian Macon, Ann Rice, and James Williams. Most expressed concern with the

issue, and asked that the request be denied. Mr. Williams, the applicant, explained his request, and asked that it be approved.

PRESENTATIONS:

None

OLD BUSINESS:

- a. The first item on the agenda was second reading of an ordinance to amend section 804 of the Abbeville County Zoning Ordinance so as to add Section 804.4—Temporary housing. This matter was tabled at the last meeting. Councilman Walker made a motion to take this off the table. Councilman Brown seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0-0. The County Attorney—Lee Roper—gave a brief overview of the information he uncovered regarding recreational vehicles. Several council members made comments on the proposal. Councilman Norris made a motion to amend the proposal to allow recreational vehicles as temporary housing for a period of one year with a possible ninety (90) day extension. The motion was seconded by Councilman Walker. The motion carried 7-0-0. Councilman Norris made a motion to approve the ordinance as amended. The motion was seconded by Councilman Walker. The motion carried 4-3 with council members Thomas, Brown and Calhoun voting in opposition.
- b. The second item on the agenda was second reading of an ordinance to amend the official zoning maps for Abbeville County, South Carolina, for a tract of land located on Highway 201 and identified by tax map numbers 082-00-00-031 and 082 and Tracts B&D from Forest Agriculture (FA) to Light Industrial (LI). Councilman Norris made a motion to approve second reading. Councilman Brown seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0-0.
- c. The third item on the agenda was second reading of an ordinance to amend the official zoning maps for Abbeville County, South Carolina, for the parcel of land located at 367 Olin Smith Road and identified by tax map number 035-00-00-124 from Forest/Agriculture (FA) to General Residential (GR). Councilman Norris made a motion to approve second reading. Councilman Forrester seconded the motion. The motion carried 4-3-0. Council members Thomas, Calhoun and Gunnells voted in opposition.
- d. The fourth item on the agenda was second reading of an ordinance to amend the official zoning maps for Abbeville County, South Carolina, for the parcel of land located at 597 Pecan Road and identified by tax map numbers 108-00-00-116-117 from R-8 (One-Family Residential) to General Residential (GR). Prior to any discussion Councilman Norris recused himself from any discussion or voting on this topic due to a potential conflict of interest. Councilman Brown made a motion to

approve the request. Councilman Calhoun seconded the motion. The motion carried 6-0-1 with Councilman Norris abstaining.

- e. The fifth item on the agenda was second reading of an ordinance amending the Abbeville County Budget FY 03-04 by increasing the revenues for 405-370-37900-37910 (Miscellaneous Revenues Prior Year) by \$31,250 and appropriating same to 405-526-46515-33000 (Professional Services) for the Abbeville County Development Board. Councilman Norris made a motion to approve second reading of the ordinance. Councilman Calhoun seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0-0.
- f. The final item on the agenda under new business was second reading of an ordinance authorizing the expenditure of \$20,000 to match a Rural Infrastructure Fund (RIF) grant from 236-557-46520-70000 (Capital Projects) in the Infrastructure Development Millage Special Revenue Fund. Councilman Walker made a motion to approve second reading. Councilman Calhoun seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0-0.

NEW BUSINESS

- a. The first item on the agenda was approval of a resolution authorizing the County Director to enter into a contractual relationship with Dunn and Associates Engineering, Inc., for engineering services on Hanover Road in the amount of \$6,806.00. Councilman Norris made a motion to approve the resolution. Councilman Gunnells seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0-0.
- b. The second item on the agenda was first reading of an ordinance granting to HPI Acquisition Co., LLC, locally known as Charter Communications, permission to construct, operate and maintain a cable system upon, along, across, over and under the streets and public rights-of-way of the County of Abbeville, SC. A motion was made by Vice Chairman Brown to approve first reading. The motion was seconded by Councilman Walker. The motion carried 7-0-0.
- c. The Third item on the agenda was first reading of an ordinance to amend the County Road System, Ordinance 2000-5, Index of roads maintained by Abbeville County, South Carolina. A motion was made by Vice Chairman Brown to amend the ordinance to add a portion of Lonesome Pine Road to the proposed ordinance. The motion was seconded by Councilman Norris. The motion carried 7-0-0. A motion was made by Councilman Forrester to add an unnamed road off Highway 184 that connects to Blackmill Road to the ordinance. The motion was seconded by Councilman Calhoun. The motion carried 7-0-0. A motion was made by Vice Chairman Brown to approve the ordinance as amended. The motion was seconded by Councilman Gunnells. The motion carried 7-0-0.
- d. The Fourth item on the agenda was first reading of an ordinance to amend Section 6.003 of the Code of Ordinances of Abbeville County concerning the adoption of Ordinances and Resolutions. A motion was made by Councilman Norris to approve first reading. The motion was seconded by Councilman Gunnells. The motion carried 7-0-0.

- e. The Fifth item on the agenda was a resolution authorizing the Treasurer to transfer \$50,000 from the LOST account to the General Fund. A motion was approved by Larry Walker to approve the resolution. The motion was seconded by Vice Chairman Brown. The motion carried 7-0-0.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

None

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- a. Finance Committee—Claude Thomas, Billy Norris and Larry Walker. The Chairman mentioned a successful meeting with the various department heads/elected officials and the auditors. He stated that a lot of the findings proved not to be material findings.
- b. Personnel and Administration—Ray Gunnells, Scott Brown and Claude Thomas. No report from this committee.
- c. Public Works—Larry Walker, Ray Gunnells and David Forrester. Councilman Walker gave no report, but announced that meetings are underway with various water providers concerning a county-wide water system.
- d. Intergovernmental Relations—Billy Norris, Claude Thomas and John Calhoun. Councilman Norris as Chairman of this committee asked Council members to remember to submit names for the various vacancies that exist on current boards and commissions.
- e. Planning and Industrial Development—Scott Brown, John Calhoun and Larry Walker. Vice Chairman Brown mentioned that the committee is making progress on the Land Development Regulations.
- f. Education, Recreation, Health and Welfare—John Calhoun, Ray Gunnells and David Forrester. No report was given.
- g. Public Safety—David Forrester, Scott Brown and Billy Norris. No report was given.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

A motion was made by Vice Chairman Brown to go into executive session to discuss personnel, contractual and/or legal matters. Councilman Calhoun seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0-0.

The Chairman reconvened the meeting, and announced that no action was necessary from Executive Session.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further items of discussion Vice Chairman Brown made a motion to Adjourn. Councilman Walker seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0-0.